

Interfund loan policy OK'd to fix water pipes

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ARCATA – At its Feb. 19 meeting, the Arcata City Council approved a new Interfund Loan Policy, providing a loan from the city's Wastewater Fund to its Water Fund. The money will be used to finish the planned Steel Waterline Replacement Project (Union, Feb. 19).

Originally budgeted for \$5 million, the \$14.5 million project's costs have ballooned due to hikes in construction costs as well as discovery of more distressed and leaky water line requiring replacement.

According to Tabatha Miller, finance director, the city will charge itself interest on the internal loan to ensure that the lending fund is sufficiently repaid to restore it to the amount it would have been at had the loan not been made.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by the City Council.

Arcata council pleads for meeting civility

Kevin L. Hoover
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ARCATA – At the start of the Feb. 19 City Council meeting, Mayor Alex Stillman asked everyone to play nice. She read the following statement:

"Before we proceed tonight with the meeting, I would like to address some recent concerns regarding behavior during the public comment portion of our City Council meetings.

"The City Council deeply values the First Amendment right of our community members to express their views. Public participation is a cornerstone of our decisionmaking process, and we encourage open dialogue during our meetings. However, it's important to recognize that our meetings are structured to carry out the important work of governing the City of Arcata and order to maintain and ensure that we ac-

COUNCIL ◆ PAGE 5

Blue Lake battery backup proposal heard

Jack Durham
MAD RIVER UNION

BLUE LAKE – A divided Blue Lake City Council voted Feb. 25 to slow down the process of deciding whether to enter into an agreement with a Texas company to clean up the decaying remains of a power plant and install a battery backup system.

The council voted 3-2, with councilmembers Michelle Lewis-Lusso and Christopher Firor dissenting, to continue discussions with PowerTransitions on the project, but at a slower pace.

The council made the decision after a boisterous and contentious meeting at Skinner Store, with so many people in attendance that some were forced to stand outside in the cold.

Some participants accused the



A BESS FOR BLUE LAKE? The proposed location of the battery energy backup system. SCREENSHOT FROM POWERTRANSITIONS

council of violating open meeting laws, while others claimed that the proposed battery system would be a health hazard and could pollute the Mad River in the event of a flood.

BATTERY ◆ PAGE 3

Friendly dialogue marks McKMAC process

Jack Durham
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McKINLEYVILLE – Rage rules. Surliness and suspicion are standard. Middle fingers are freely deployed. People mutter "bitch" behind women's backs and address a mayor as "what's her bucket."

Oral Communications are dominated by insults, accusations and denunciations. The sarcasm-drenched tirades about local leadership's personal and professional shortcomings are interspersed with finger-wagging lectures about the importance of kindness, compassion and humility.

Civic employees and representatives are assumed to be incompetent, deceptive, immoral and unethical, actively working to undermine residents and ruin the city



Lisa Dugan

or town, even the world in which they live.

Speakers ignore house rules, blow past time limits, address the public rather than the meeting's hosts and casually condemn officials charged with managing budgets and water systems as genocide-complicit and incompetent for listening to opponents' views.

Such is the state of discourse during public comment portions of meetings in Arcata, Blue Lake and beyond.

The discord often prompts headlines mentioning contentious meetings, controversial hearings. The toxic disagreement, the battle of words make for a good story. Conflict and confrontation is interesting.

But perhaps a story even more noteworthy than

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New billboard wrecked in two days

Kevin L. Hoover
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ARCATA – A new political billboard appeared last Wednesday, Feb. 26 along southbound U.S. Highway 101 in Arcata. Bearing a pro-Israel message, it replaced the "Call me a Zionist" billboard ripped down in early February.

Read the new billboard: "Israel, The Eternal Jewish Nation. Fighting



ISRAELI ADVOCACY The newest political billboard prior to the vandalism. SUBMITTED IMAGE

terrorism. Seeking Peace." But by Friday, the fresh sign had been besmirched by vandals. Though still readable, it bore a large

and elaborate "wildstyle" spray paint logo, plus some partial overpaint on the word "Seeking."

BILLBOARD ◆ PAGE 2

Humboldt 'struggling' to meet mental health care demand

Daniel Mintz
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HUMBOLDT – Humboldt County's funding for acute mental health care is falling short as demand for services rises and Eureka, Arcata and other cities will be asked for financial contributions.

County Behavioral Health managers described surging need for mental health services amid dwindling revenue and increased costs during a presenta-

tion at the Feb. 25 supervisors meeting.

When they asked supervisors for suggestions on how to respond to the dilemma, Board Chair Michelle Bushnell noted that cities are referring their residents to county mental health care facilities and services, and she recommended asking them to "kick in some money" to cover costs.

The idea reflects a sense of desperation.

MENTAL HEALTH ◆ PAGE 6

ACV sees record use

Daniel Mintz
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HUMBOLDT – A consultant has told Humboldt supervisors the county's main airport – the California Redwood Coast Humboldt County Airport – has hit "new passenger records," with peak growth in the percentage of residents flying locally.

Jack Penning of Volaire Aviation Consulting reported the "great news" at the Feb. 25 Board of Supervisors meeting, telling supervisors "we are retaining more pas-

sengers than at any point with this airport."

A Volaire analysis shows an average use level of 351 passengers per day in the year ending at the third quarter of 2024, matching the peak seen in 2022.

Penning said the final 2024 numbers will show a record level. The 2014 average was only 140 passengers per day.

Passenger retention – the share of residents using the county airport instead of going out-of-

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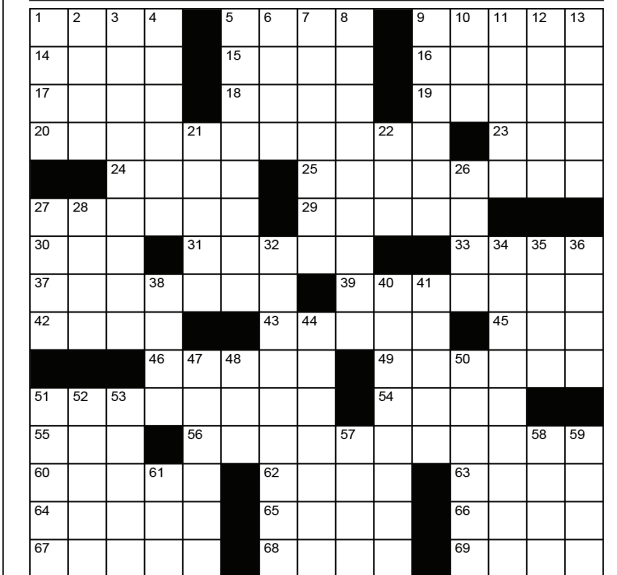


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Wednesday, Feb. 26	00.00	34.51	33.37	27.19
Thursday, Feb. 27	00.00	34.51	33.37	27.40
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BIRDING AT THE MARSH Join Redwood Region Audubon Society for a free guided field trip at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, March 8 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Bring your binoculars and meet trip leader Chet Ogan at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) in Arcata for incredible views of Humboldt Bay, easy-to-walk trails and a great diversity of birdlife.

RPC WORKDAYS Redwood Parks Conservancy (RPC), in partnership with California State Parks North Coast Redwoods District, invites volunteers to help restore natural habitats throughout March by removing invasive species in some of the region's most stunning landscapes. On Saturday, March 8, volunteers will meet from 9 a.m. to noon at Trinidad State Beach. Meet at Meet at Anderson Lane and Stagecoach Road. On Saturday, March 22 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. volunteers will gather at Humboldt

Lagoons State Park. Meet at Stagecoach Hill Azalea Trailhead, Big Lagoon Ranch Road. Volunteers will restore western azaleas by removing invasive plants. Volunteers will receive a free day-use pass to Sue-meg State Park. To register for any of these events, visit bit.ly/rpc-eventbrite. rpc@redwoodparks.org.

MARSH TOUR Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) is sponsoring a free tour of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, March 8. Meet leader Renshin Bunce at 2 p.m. in the lobby of the Interpretive Center on South G Street for a 90-minute, rain-or-shine tour that will provide a general overview of the marsh and its history. The walk will include Klopp Lake and South I Street, with participants looking at birds and plants along the way. (707) 826-2359

BIRDING TOUR AT WILDLIFE REFUGE Redwood Region Audubon

Society will offer a free guided birding tour at Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge on Sunday, March 9 from 9 to 11 a.m. Meet leader Ralph Bucher at the Visitor Center for this two-mile walk along a wide, flat trail that is packed with gravel and easily accessible. Just outside of town, this refuge offers astounding and easy access to tidally-influenced habitats including mudflats, riparian vegetation, conifers and a bay that hosts a variety of geese, raptors, shorebirds and waders. Email Ralph to sign up at thebook@reninet.com.

SUNDAY CYCLING TOUR Friends of the Arcata Marsh Board member and intrepid bicyclist Andy Feinstein will lead a Second Sunday Cycling Tour of the Arcata Marsh on March 9. Meet at the Interpretive Center at 2 p.m. for a 90-minute, docent-led tour focusing on the Three Ws of the Marsh: wetlands, wildlife and wastewater treatment. Bring your own bike or eBike; all ages welcome. Participants will be offered a free FOAM logo bike bell. Heavy rain cancels. (707) 826-2359

Billboard | Wrecked

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Concurrent with the new billboard's appearance, the following news release was submitted by activist Tamar Krigel, who co-created the first version, now representing a hitherto-unknown group called Code Blue and White. It has not been edited:

"New Pro-Israel Billboard to Replace Vandalized Sign on Highway 101 in Arcata, CA

"Arcata, A new pro-Israel billboard is set to be installed today along Highway .

The message on the new billboard will read:

"Israel

The Eternal Jewish Nation.

Fighting terrorism. Seeking peace.'

"This installation follows the vandalism of a previous billboard overnight between February 7 and 8. That sign read:

"Call me a Zionist. It only makes me prouder."

"The original billboard generated significant discussion on social media, eliciting both support and opposition.

"Conversely, the billboard also prompted negative reactions, including inflammatory rhetoric and explicit calls for vandalism on various online platforms. Discussions on Reddit forums such as *r/Humboldt* featured posts titled 'Zionists Must Go' and 'What the Actual Hell.' Numerous comments urged the destruction of the sign through cutting, burning, or even the use of Molotov cocktails. Some posts promoted acts of vio-

lence against Zionists.

"In response, these threats and acts of vandalism have been reported to local law enforcement, the California Civil Rights Division, the FBI, and the U.S. Department of Justice, which are now conducting investigations.

"Code Blue and White, the organization behind the billboard & local news and allies have declined to comment on the duration of the new sign's display."

Following the vandalism to the new billboard, Krigel offered the following statements:

"Israel strives for peace even in the face of relentless threats. The resistance of the Jewish people – from exile to independence – can never be torn down. Arcata. Town of tolerance and diversity. Not. I don't believe Zionism is racism, but apparently you think so. I'll continue to be a proud Zionist and ask everyone to read my statement about what it means to me, rather than projecting their own biases."

Krigel further offered a detailed statement of principles and history defining the basis of her support for Zionism and Isreal. Too lengthy for print publication, it will appear in this week's online Letters to the Editor section at madriverrunion.com.

The billboard vandalisms are just the latest attacks on Jewish symbols and facilities – and people – in Arcata. Previous incidents include obliteration of Pastels on the Plaza art, destruction of a peace mural at Cal Poly Humboldt and vandalism to a *sukkah* tent on the university Quad, as well as paint thrown on Jewish students tabling on the Quad.



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McKMAC | Consensus

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people disparaging their fellow community members, questioning their motives and assuming bad intent by those who disagree with them is the opposite – a friendly, respectful, thoughtful and free-spirited discussion amongst people who treat each other kindly.

That almost seems like an anomaly these days, but you can witness it at almost every meeting of the McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (McKMAC).

Well, at least over the last several years. You can go several years back and recall a few spats, but those are distant memories.

The McKMAC’s Feb. 26 meeting was similar to the meeting the month before and the meetings of last year. It was long (about three hours) and rather tedious, but productive.

What’s striking is how they discuss issues politely, thoughtfully and without rancor. If they disagree, they do so politely and when they make recommendations, there is a sincere effort to reach consensus.

At the Feb. 26 meeting, the McKMAC discussed its ongoing efforts to address public safety issues in the unincorporated community.

For years, the committee had invited representatives from Arcata Fire, the Sheriff’s Office and California Highway Patrol to give presentations at the beginning of its monthly meetings.

The committee typically hears a month worth of statistics about reported crimes, fires and other calls.

Rather than hearing the stats monthly, the committee is proposing that representatives come to the board quarterly or less and make a presentation about overall trends.

Paul Craft, public information officer with the CHP, said that if the McKMAC provided him with questions prior to a meeting, he could do research and return with specific information about problem areas in town.

McKMAC member Scott Binder, who is involved in several social media sites and regularly informs people about public meetings, said he could aggregate comments and encourage people to contact the McKMAC.

The McKMAC is also seeking applicants for its McKinleyville Incorporation Exploration Subcommittee.

The subcommittee’s chair, Lisa Dugan, sent the following notice to the *Union*:

Applications can be submitted online by April 5. MMAC Subcommittee Applications can be found at humboldt.gov.org/238/McKinleyville-Municipal-Advisory-Committ. Priority will be given to McKinleyville residents or business owners who have a demonstrated ability to be open-minded, reach consensus on complex issues, and have knowledge or experience in incorporation or municipal governance. The position is volunteer and is expected to include attendance at one meeting per month and occasional research and/or work outside of meeting times.

Topher’s lopsided world of play bows, tail wags, zoomies and absolute joy

When I decided to keep Frannie, our little deaf pittie pup, I had no idea that I’d be seeing other members of her family at the shelter. So far three of her brothers have come in – Winston, Topher and Fletcher – and one older sister, Daisy. Fletcher has been adopted, but the other three are still waiting for their forever homes.

It is particularly hard to walk past their kennels. I see my pup in them and want them to have everything she has, I’ve written up Daisy and Winston before; today is Topher’s turn.

The first thing you notice when you see Topher is how quiet he is in his kennel. He and Winston both wait back on their beds when people walk by. They are not the ones jumping and barking to get attention. The next thing you would notice is his ears. They each point in a different direction, giving him kind of a Robin Hood look.

On a recent outing with a volunteer, the car was stopped for road work and Topher was lying down. When the car started, he popped up and the flagman smiled and laughed when he saw the ears!

Topher has gone on a few great adventures with volunteer companions.

The first was to the marsh where his friend reported: “We loaded up and I buckled Topher in. Not a peep out of him as we

headed to the marsh. He is a great traveler! Beautiful day and many people walking their dogs.

“Topher was excited to be on the trail. He was checking out the birds and his nose propped up smelling all the new smells. The people we came across commented how well behaved he was. There were play bows and happy tail wags for every dog we met up with.

“After the marsh, I stopped by my house and Topher met my daughter and granddaughter. Topher did great with both of them. He made himself

at home plopping himself right next to me on the couch.

“On our way back to the shelter I got Topher a pup cup which he thoroughly enjoyed. He sure is a sweet boy. Those ears and the look he gives you like he knows he’s a cutie. I adore him. Someone will be very lucky to have him.”

The other adventure was to the snow on Horse Mountain:

“Topher was so excited about the mountain and the snow, he immediately broke out into the zoomies! If I walked two miles, I think Topher ran at least eight! Every video I took contained Topher running in absolute joy and ended with him running straight back to me.

“After a while, he almost became a tripping hazard as his desire to explore the mountain and



Topher.
LUCINDA ADAMSON
| DOGTOWN

his desire to be close to me were in contradiction which had him running right in front of me often.

“We heard someone target shooting but Topher never once responded to the sounds of gunfire. He did pick up a spent shotgun shell he found but let me take it away from him without complaint.

“Topher’s enthusiasm and energy is quite contagious! And besides a few moments of puppy behavior, he was very well behaved.”

Topher is about ten months old. He is neutered, microchipped, tested for heartworm and has had all of his vaccinations. He is ready to go!

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ACV | Airport investment offers a ‘big multiplier effect’

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county to fly – has also grown significantly.

The local share went from 23 percent in 2019 to 41 percent in 2024.

“That is the highest share of passengers not driving to other airports

that we have ever had in this community,” Penning said.

The airport offers direct flights to San Francisco, Burbank, Los Angeles and Denver, via two airlines, United and Avelo.

Penning attributed the

growth to the range of destinations and the cost of getting to them.

“The service goes pretty much anywhere anyone would want to travel and it’s more affordable than it ever has been,” he said.

He showed a graph indicating the airport’s average one-way fare has dropped from \$313 in 2014 to \$231 in 2024.

Penning didn’t break down the numbers per destination but Volaire’s study document gives a clearer picture of what’s happening.

The average “catchment” or transfer fare has risen by 24 percent since 2019, to \$263 each way.

The average fare drop from the airport itself is “due to the entry of Avelo Airlines,” according to the firm’s study.

A future vision sets Seattle as a “number one target” and there’s an effort to regain service to Salt Lake City, Penning continued.

Other goals include regaining service to Las Vegas, which Avelo launched in September of 2023 but discontinued four months later, and getting service to Phoenix and/or San Diego.

Supervisors acknowledged the airport as a boost to the county’s economy, with Fifth District Supervisor Steve Madrone highlighting its value to its base of operation, McKinleyville.

He referred to the airport as “The McKinleyville International Airport” and described it as “a huge asset to that community.”

He said the combination of the Airport Business Park, which is

“primed and ready to go into a whole lot more development with more motels and other things,” and potential development of a visitor center at the Vista Point overlook “all tie together in a great way for McKinleyville’s economic future.”

The county has put up revenue guarantees, which are paid to airlines to cover losses if flights under-perform, to attract airlines and they’ve been somewhat controversial.

But Supervisor Mike Wilson said airport investment boosts revenues and the economy, having a “big multiplier effect.”

The Redwood Region Economic Development Commission has played a key role in negotiating new airline service agreements and Gregg Foster, its executive director, highlighted the success of the direct-to-LA service.

A \$505,000 revenue guarantee helped attract it and Foster said the LA service “was so successful that they only used some of that incentive in the first quarter and 93 percent of the money went back to the donors.”

Revenue guarantees are a bit of a gamble, however. In 2010, a \$500,000 revenue guarantee provided through the county’s Headwaters Fund was lost when the Salt Lake City service was discontinued.

But Foster highlighted overall payoffs, as measured in travel availability, passenger ticket and parking fee revenues, and support of business activity.

“The point being is that continuing investment in these services is necessary,” he said.

Battery | 20MW lithium iron phosphate storage system

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For others, the project is viewed as an opportunity to clean up the power plant property, remove what is both an eyesore and a hazard, and provide the city with backup power in the event of a disaster.

PowerTransitions is proposing that it obtain two acres that the city owns at the Powers Creek District industrial park in exchange for demolishing and cleaning up the Blue Lake Power Plant, which was shuttered a decade ago. The company would also lease an additional four acres.

City Attorney Ryan Plotz explained that the city and PowerTransitions would negotiate a demolition plan for the old power plant and obtain an appraisal to determine the value of the two acres after the cleanup.

“If the demolition is less than the appraised value, they owe us the difference,” Plotz told the council. “If the demolition exceeds the appraised value, they still need to pay for it.”

The company would install a 20-megawatt lithium iron-phosphate battery energy storage system (BESS) and repurpose the existing transformer and substation.

According to PowerTransitions, “BESS is an energy storage system that captures energy from different sources and stores the energy in rechargeable batteries for later use. When the need arises, the energy is released back into the electrical grid to supply energy to homes, businesses, EV and industrial facilities.”

Similar energy systems are located at the Blue Lake Rancheria, St. Joseph Hospital in Eureka, Mad River Community Hospital in Arcata, the Redwood Coast Airport

Microgrid in McKinleyville and the McKinleyville Wastewater Management Facility near Hiller Park.

The PowerTransitions project in Blue Lake would need to overcome several hurdles to become a reality.

The company and Blue Lake would need to come up with an agreement for the property transfer and would have to agree on a demolition plan. PowerTransitions would also need to negotiate a contract with Redwood Coast Energy Authority to sell it power. Pacific Gas & Electric would need to conduct a preliminary study to determine whether the project is feasible.

In addition, the project would need to undergo an environmental review in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act. The project would also need approval from the Blue Lake Planning Commission and Blue Lake City Council.

At the Feb. 25 meeting, city staff was asking the council whether it should draw up an agreement with the company that would be considered by the council in March. Plotz explained that this expedited process might allow demolition to begin as early as this summer.

Councilmember Elise Scafani said she was not comfortable with rushing the process.

“I’m still like, yikes, the rules have remained the same, the process has remained the same, and suddenly we’re under the gun to speed things up... I’m not comfortable with it,” Scafani said.

Councilmember Kat Napier said she is comfortable with the technology and forging ahead with an agreement with the company, “but I’m not elected to run this as a

business and impose my personal views.” Napier said she was comfortable slowing down the process.

“I’m in favor of this project,” said Mayor John Sawatzky.

Councilmember Michelle Lewis-Lusso said she would support taking more time to study the project, but without all the “fear mongering.”

Lewis-Lusso referred to an online petition opposing the project. The *Change.org* petition, with 225 signatures, includes photos of burning battery systems. The petition warns that floods could release toxic materials into the Mad River and the batteries could catch fire and release toxic gases.

Similar concerns were voiced at the council meeting, with residents urging the council the scrap the project.

One man said that the power plant, as it exists now, is a huge liability risk. The plant has manholes filled with water, broken glass, jagged metal ramps and dilapidated buildings and structures. The plant is surrounded by a fence that has holes in it.

“We have a huge problem out there,” the man said. “Kids go where kids go when mom and dad aren’t around.”

At one point in meeting, the council was accused of violating the Brown Act because the Skinner Store couldn’t fit all of the attendees and because an agenda wasn’t posted inside the Blue Lake Post Office.

City Manager Amanda Mager said that the agenda is posted on a bulletin board outside the post office. Agendas are also posted at City Hall, the Mad River Grange and on the city’s website, bluelake.ca.gov.

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Jackie Dandeneau's 02F theatrical thrust

In her early career Jaqueline Dandeneau's show poster was banned in certain countries. The show was a feminist piece titled *The F Word*, and its hesitant reception planted a seed of resistance for her.

"They would say, 'you can't put that poster up because it's offensive!'" Dandeneau recalled. "And it was just three women's bums, not even our full backs and bums. It was shocking to people to see women do some of the things that we were doing. So that was ingrained in me when I decided that I wanted to start the Zero to Fierce Festival and give women and gender non-conforming artists a chance to be the creative person in the room."

Her background in theater is more traditional than the work that she does now. She studied Shakespeare and later worked at the Stratford Festival performing classical theater. Dandeneau quickly found that the roles for women were too few and had a rigidity she did not appreciate.

"There are gaps in where you as a woman fit within the average theater. You know, you're the girl next door, you're



FIGURE 3 Tammy Bentz, Sharon Heath and Jaqueline Dandeneau of Full Figure Theater on Scottish television promoting their show *Way Too Blonde*, courtesy of Jackie Dandeneau.

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the mother, you're the ex-wife, you're evil, you're this, you're that," she said.

Dissatisfied by the constraints this environment put on her creativity, she began to question her place. Dandeneau explained, "I'm saying somebody else's words how the director wants me to say it, dressed in a costume that the costum

er decides how I should look. What is my place as a woman here? I didn't feel empowered in that situation."

In an effort to forge a new path, Dandeneau

sought out other women as collaborators and found the expressiveness she was looking for. "My experience making theater collaboratively with other women was really fabulous. It was really eye opening. You know, the process of doing it was different than the hierarchical structure that I came from," she said.

The ensemble style of creating theater was an inspiration to Dandeneau, and over time she began to build a style of theater that felt new and non-linear. Crafting shows based on interviews with community members, she worked with participants to create collaborative pieces.

This process of research, interview and collaboration became a signature of her creative works. The Zero to Fierce festival was born out of

this desire; to give people a chance to use their creative voice and to be heard in turn.

When asked about her early career, Dandeneau shared that seeing other women perform in festivals expanded her idea of what was possible, and she hopes that the Zero to Fierce festival can be that spark for other artists too. "I hope to leave festival goers with a real sense of community, of coming together. To have a new idea pop in your head that germinates all year, and then it becomes something. It's really important now for people to gather and feel that we are a community. This is where our strength lies; with each other, in how we stand up for each other and how we show up for each other. That's what I'm hoping the festival will impart," she said.

The Zero to Fierce festival offers 10 days of shows, workshops, galleries and more planned for its ninth year.

Bringing in artists, musicians and performers from all over – and celebrating those who live just next door.

The festival will conclude March 9 with a community potluck, performance and basket burning at the Arcata Playhouse.

To learn more about the events Zero to Fierce has planned for International Women's Day and the closing ceremony visit zerotofierce.org.



POWER ON After major fundraising and community support for a transmitter, Humboldt Hot Air made the leap from online-only to broadcasting live on FM airwaves Thursday, Feb. 23. Above, Station Manager Neroli Devaney cuts the ribbon alongside Arcata Chamber Executive Director Meredith Matthews. KHHa 94.7FM is now on the air live from Arcata's Creamery District, brought to you by Playhouse Arts and listeners like you. BOB DORAN | UNION

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Mad River Grange Old Crows open doors

Blue Lake’s Mad River Grange, built in 1889, is definitely a diamond in the rough. The vision and hard work of a group of dedicated volunteers is transforming the Grange into a beautiful community hall for all while maintaining its historic atmosphere.

I recently spoke with Rick Willits and Ron Perry, two of those visionaries. The transformation of the main hall is stunning to say the least. Gone is the fiberglass drop ceiling, the ugly linoleum floor and the 1960s paneling.

The 1889 old growth fir floor has been restored by Willits. The ancient marks where kindling was chopped remain as a testament to the past. The tongue and groove ceiling and original walls appear like a “Rembrandt painting” according to Perry.

It takes a community or in this case, the Mad River Old Crows and other volunteers, to tackle a restoration project of this scale. Willits, with his expertise in woodworking and Perry with his many years of electrical experience and “big job” mentality are just two of the many who have contributed to this project.

Also worth mentioning are Kash Boodjah as architect and engineer, Jim

Brown as the optimist and “Mr. Steady” and Jennifer Kramer who has been the pragmatic expeditor and the bridge between the Crows and the Grange Board.

There have been over 2,000 man hours (and still counting) on this restoration. John Bartholomew, Keith Morison, Shawn Delaney and many others have contributed to this effort. A special thanks goes out to Jerry Lee Wallace for painting and touching up his mural, Miah Shull for his expert carpentry and “Mr. Muscle” heavy lifting, plus Almquist Lumber and Leo’s Lumber for their donations and support.

“Our Old Crows group brought together a collection of energies and talents,” Willits explained: “We had a momentum behind us that inspired us to show up and make an impact here. We’re not done yet.”

Phase II of the restoration will include replacement of all interior and exterior doors, replacement of the old windows and addition of more windows in the hall. The Grange plans to do fundraising in the future to move towards this goal. Donations can be sent to Mad River Grange, PO Box 2, Blue Lake, California 95525.

The Grange is a perfect venue to rent

out for a reasonable rate for any special occasion or class. For further information go to madrivgrange.org.

Come to the monthly Grange breakfast on Sunday, March 9 from 8 to 11 a.m. You can see the improvements that have been made and satisfy your hunger at the same time (Adults \$10, children 10 and under are free).

Michael Fields and Longshadr Productions present *Logger Legends, Liars and Lookers* this week at the Logger Bar. Tickets may still be available for March 4 through 8 performances. You can purchase tickets at eventbrite.com/logger-legends-liars or you may be able to buy tickets from Michael himself on Wednesday from 3 to 6 p.m. while he is tending bar.



VISIONARIES Rick Willits and Ron Perry with the refinished sliding barn door at the Mad River Grange. MARVIN SAMUELS | BLUE LAKE BLURB

The Blue Lake Union School District invites the public to their second annual Multicultural Festival on Thursday, March 6 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Blue Lake School gym. There will be food, informational tables, youth performances, a bagpiper, cultural dancing, HAPI Taiko drums, Samba de Alegria troupe and Steel Pan music. This is a family fun free event.

March comes in like a lion and leaves like a lamb.
– Thomas Fuller. Daylight Savings

Bayside bustles, builds, brings the music

Recruiting Baysiders for CERT training

C.E.R.T. is the acronym for Community Emergency Response Team. Gradually CERT teams are forming in several Humboldt County communities. Bayside Corners is encouraging more residents of the Bayside-Jacoby Creek Valley-Indianola area to participate in CERT training and to work together for a unified community-wide emergency and disaster preparation, response and relief plan.

The date for the next CERT training (April or early May) has not been finalized, based on securing funds. If you are interested in participating in CERT training, go to humboldtcert.com to see what CERT training is offered and send an email to humboldtcert@gmail.com with your name and phone number asking to be notified when registration links are open for the next class.

Music and more music at Jacoby Creek School

The month of March brings lots of music and featuring student musicians at Jacoby Creek School. The Kindergarten through third grades’ Winter Concert is on Thursday, March 6 at 6 p.m. in the Gym. Then, on Thursday, March 27 at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. the fourth through eighth grade students will perform in choir, band and orchestra for the annual Spring Concert.

On Friday and Saturday, March 21 and 22, Ms. Arrington will bring students to the All County Music Festival at Zane and Eureka High School with performances at Eureka High. This festival showcases outstanding young musicians from throughout Humboldt, Del Norte and Trinity counties.

Participating students earn this honor because of their excellent musicianship, dedication to group goals and positive attitude.

Congratulations to the following Jacoby Creek students who will participate in the All County Music Festival:

Junior Orchestra: Ceiba Dehority, Jett Luh, Linnea McDonald, Chloe Cappuccio, Leo Slauson,

Lucy Taylor, Quetzal Heacock and Lela Caruso

Junior Choir: Stella Mielke, Liam O’Connell, Reece Laird, Finley-Ray Cline, Cody Cooley, Demetri Gai, Violet Messinger, Makeda Newman and Anna Farahmand.

Junior Band: Jeriko Gildea

The Jacoby Creek School Spring Break is April 7 through 11. Both the school and the Activity Center will be closed.

Watch for the Bayside Community Survey

Doorhangers will soon be distributed with the online link and a QR code for a short survey to learn about Bayside residents’ interest in future uses for the Bayside Temperance Hall.

Call for contractor bids

Thanks to donors and in-kind business services, the Temperance Hall will soon be ready this spring for its first significant wood truss repair and roof retrofitting. This is the first phase of work necessary before the Hall can be lifted and the foundation retrofitted.

Contractors interested in submitting a cost estimate for this work, should email baysidecorners@gmail.com to receive information and schedule a time to inspect the area of the Hall where this first repair work is necessary as part of a larger Hall rehabilitation project. Project Engineer Mike Taylor of Atlas Engineering will be able to answer your questions.

Cold Supplies Drive at HUUF

Till March 31, Humboldt Unitarian Universalist Fellowship will be collecting Cold Supplies that will be directly distributed by Arcata House Partnership.

You may drop off the following items to 24 Fellowship Way off of Jacoby Creek Road in Bayside on Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Clean socks, sleeping bags, tarps, coats, personal size toiletries and first aid, period supplies, batteries, pocket hand warmers, sleeping mats, gloves, chapstick, non-perishable snacks, lighters/matches, etc.



R/V North Wind arrives

The Cal Poly Humboldt Fred Telonicher Marine Laboratory will be welcoming a new research vessel, R/V North Wind, this week in Humboldt Bay if sea currents cooperate. The new scientific research vessel, which will replace R/V Coral Sea after 25 years of service next year, was launched on Monday from Bellingham, Washington.

The vessel is expected to arrive in Humboldt Bay on March 6 or 7. The new 78-foot catamaran boat, painted green and gold, will include updated laboratory and surveying equipment, a diving platform on the stern, and living quarters sufficient for multi-day research excursions.

Oceanography, marine biology and wildlife major students will experience a state-of-the-art learning opportunity.

Dr. Rick Zechman, Trinidad’s marine laboratory director, is sure to be on hand to welcome the new vessel.

Chamber Mixer at Moonstone Beach House

The Greater Trinidad Chamber of Commerce invites members, prospective members and guests to the Spring Mixer on Wednesday, March 5 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Moonstone Beach House, three miles south of Trinidad off Scenic Drive above Moon-

stone Beach.

Stacie and Matthew Marshall have been running the former Merryman’s Beach House for several years as a venue for weddings, dinners and gatherings of all sorts after



extensive remodeling. If you haven’t visited the facility for awhile, this is a fine opportunity to see all of the beautiful improvements while enjoying views of the Little River and Moonstone Beach. The evening will include member

announcements, a raffle, food and beverages.

The Greater Trinidad Chamber of Commerce has been a principal part of Trinidad’s economic, social and civic life since the first Crab Feed on the dock in the mid-1950s.

The Chamber is unique in that it encourages the membership of businesses, individuals, other Trinidad non-profits, clubs, and all. The spirit of community volunteerism and civic pride endures.

Become a part of this three-quarters of a century long vital organization.

Contact John Adams, executive director, at greatertrinidadchamber@gmail.com or call (707) 677-8645 for information.

Email Patti at baycity@sonic.net.

Home Away From Home this Sunday at D Street Center

HOME AWAY FROM HOME

ARCATA – Home Away From Home will host a potluck and “free stuff” distribution for local college students on Sunday, March 9 at 5 p.m.

Co-sponsored by Black Humboldt, the potluck will take place at the D Street Neighborhood Center, located at 1301 D St. in Arcata.

All local college students are invited to enjoy a free meal with friends and the community and receive a free bag of household supplies. Food will be provided by local businesses and generous community members. Vegetarian, vegan, special diet and meat food options will be available. Students are encouraged to arrive early as food and “free stuff” bags will be available while supplies last. Proof of college enrollment, such as a student ID or an active student email, will be required to receive a “free stuff” bag.

Nonstudent attendees are asked to bring a homemade or store-bought dish large enough to serve 10 people with a serving utensil or a hot pad if needed. College students are asked to only bring

their appetites, but are welcome to bring a dish to share if they feel inclined. Those who wish to bring a dish or volunteer at the event may sign up in advance at tinyurl.com/HAFHMarch2025Potluck.

Community members who would like to make a monetary donation to support potluck efforts may drop them off at the City Manager’s Office inside Arcata City Hall, located at 736 F St. Arcata City Hall is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Checks can be made out to “City of Arcata” with “equity arcata” in the memo line. Monetary donations will be accepted by mail to: equity arcata, C/O City of Arcata, 736 F St., Arcata, CA, 95521. For more information on making a donation, please call (707) 822-5953 or email mhawk@cityofarcata.org.

This community gathering was made possible thanks to Black Humboldt, Coast Central Credit Union and many generous community members. The Home Away From Home Committee extends its gratitude to all who have made this event possible.

Council | Members staunchly oppose idea not proposed

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comply our business efficiently, we must address any disruptive behavior that hinders the purpose of these proceedings.

“I want to make it clear that any individual engaging in disruptive behavior first be given a warning. If that behavior continues after the warning, the individual may be asked to leave the meeting. Disruptive behavior includes number one, speaking beyond the allotted time; number two discussing matters that are not relevant to the agenda or outside the jurisdiction of the City Council; three, making threats against members of the council or the public or engaging in personal attacks and insults or using slanderous language that disrupts the meeting.

“We ask all speakers to be respectful to one another and remember these proceedings are focused on the important work of local government and maintaining an orderly and respectful environment as essential for a function to effect the work effectively as the City Council. Thank you for your understanding.”

The refresher on ground rules was prompted by excesses of behavior that have marked council meetings in recent months, with some members of the using comment periods to heap over-the-top verbal abuse – often including personal attacks – on the council, its members, staff and even other citizens.

The council also again considered amending its *City Officials’ Protocol Manual 2024, A Framework for Good Governance* to include three changes:

- Moving Council Reports to the end of the meeting.
- Eliminating the category for “Items Removed from the Consent Calendar” which was making problems for the new agenda software. Items may still be removed for separate discussion, but that would be handled within the existing Consent Calendar agenda item.
- Reducing the time allotted to individual citizens for the late Oral Communications section only,

from three minutes to two minutes. Comment on individual agenda items would remain unaffected.

Oddly, councilmembers spent a lot of time affirming that the Staff Reports item should be kept at the beginning of the meeting rather than moved to the end – something that wasn’t proposed.

But shaving down *vox populi* – the 33 percent reduction in speaking time during late public comment – didn’t meet with a lot of enthusiasm.

The mayor already has discretion to reduce individual comment times, based on the number of individuals intending to speak, the hour and other conditions. The Early Oral Communications period still allows three minutes’ time for individual comments.

All in all, the council consented to approve on the proposed changes. During comment, citizens agreed that public comment be maintained at three minutes. No one on staff or the council reminded the public that those with lengthier comments can always submit them as written communication – a popular method utilized by many.

During late Oral Communication, speakers took full advantage of the three-minute allotted time, offering comments on the council’s Middle East policies and other matters.

Caller Sarai accused a previous caller, by name, of “spouting hateful hate” during comments. “Is something gonna be done?” she asked, suggesting “sanctions” against the other speaker. Sarai was allowed to complete her comments, using the full allotted three minutes.

Stillman didn’t catch the violation of her opening statement disallowing attacks on other speakers, but Councilmember Meredith Matthews did, and pointed it out. “I just want to make sure that we aren’t doing that,” she said.

“We aren’t and we haven’t,” Stillman said. But others on the dias pointed out the violation.

“Oh, well she did, yes,” Stillman acknowledged.

OPINIONNews

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Climate change changes

In Northern Humboldt, U. S. Highway 101 runs close to the water in five different places covering 25 to 30 miles from near College of the Redwoods to above Big Lagoon.

All five places are extremely vulnerable to the predicted rising sea levels. Creative solutions will be tried, but it is unlikely if not impossible to keep the steadily rising waters from flooding some, if not all of the five places in the coming years.

The last estimate to build a causeway from Eureka to Arcata was \$1.3 billion, including destruction of 50 to 75 homes. A local historian estimated that Eureka would be a peninsula with water on three sides. Later he changed peninsula to island, since there is no road to the east.

We live in a national culture that does not want to look very far into the future.

❖ LETTERS

In the last presidential debate, the candidates were given one minute each to discuss climate change. The loss of 101 will drastically change this area.

Losses in jobs, population, tourism, along with the effects on schools, medical care, etc., will affect everyone living here. The people who survive the coming changes and challenges will have to live closer to the Earth, off the Earth and with each other. The need for a community of people with the necessary skills and will, will be great.

They will need each other. Questions about what of the industrial culture can be salvaged and for how long we'll be important to ask.

Aryay Kalaki
Bayside

Dr. King on Zionism

Obviously those criminals who vandalized the billboard which said "Call Me a Zionist. It Only Makes Me Proud-er" are unfamiliar with the wisdom and prescience of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. ("Billboard Brouhaha Turns Up The Heat").

In October 1967 in Cambridge, Mass., Dr. King said:

"When people criticize Zionists, they mean Jews; you're talking antisemitism."

— *The Socialism of Fools – The Left, the Jews and Israel*, Seymour Martin Lipset, *Encounter*, Dec., 1969, p. 24. See also: *The Words of Martin Luther King*, Harvard website 2016, Professor Martin Kramer).

See also: *The Pro-Israel Legacy of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr* in "Zionism and the Black Church, Chapter

4, Pastor Dumisani Washington, pp. 77-102, (2021).

Richard Sherman
Margate, Fla.

He doesn't care

The GOP has adopted the elephant as their symbol. It is said, "An elephant never forgets."

How is it the Republicans "forget" about the lies, grifting, grabbing %^@!(&, impeachments and bunches of felony convictions? During a recorded political rally, Trump said to his supporters, "I don't care about you!"

As you try to get on with your life, please be an elephant and *do not* forget that statement. This may be the only truth told to the American people.

Louise Ogden
Eureka

McKinleyville cityhood: an arduous process promises big benefits

McKinleyville is the fastest-growing community in Humboldt County. Its population is estimated at about 17,000 and yet it is unincorporated.

Over the years, the issue of incorporation has come up many times. When that happens folks weigh in and many comments are made about why residents should or should not incorporate. Fear factors are thrown out like... it will raise your taxes.

Taxes are only raised if voters agree to raise them. It does not happen to you. Sometimes voters agree to raise taxes because they want to improve roads for instance. The recent passage of Measure O is a good example of this.

The McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (MCMAC) has formed a subcommittee of local residents to explore in-



❖ INCORPORATING
McKINLEYVILLE
Steve Madrone

corporation. The McKinleyville Incorporation Exploration Sub Committee (MIESC) is actively engaged in gathering data on incorporation with the assistance of economic experts at Cal Poly Humboldt and consultants. They are not for or against incorporation, but instead are committed to gathering factual data on the economics of McKinleyville. They are committed to gathering data that will once and for all allow the community to have an informed community discussion on the pros and cons of incorporation.

One of the prime reasons for incorporation is to have local control over development and the town's future. Having their own City Council elected from local residents is a strong pro point.

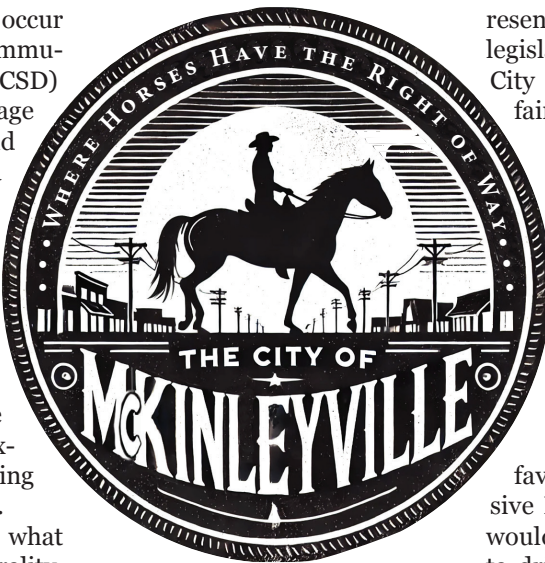
Incorporation is not easy. Some have suggested that even

if incorporation were to occur then the McKinleyville Community Services District (MCS D) should continue to manage sewer, water, parks, and streetlights. They do a great job with all that and a new city could continue to have the CSD.

A new city may also contract for law enforcement and road maintenance. A new city can take time to develop its in-house capacity. There are many examples of cities with varying sources to provide services.

A new city is subject to what is called Revenue Neutrality, where the new city must allow some portion of existing revenues to be provided to the county for a limited time. Basically, incorporation cannot be at the expense of the county.

Last time incorporation was looked at in 1999 in McKinleyville, with the assistance of the Chamber of Commerce, a 50-50 split of revenue would



have allowed for incorporation. McKinleyville's economics have grown substantially in the last 20 years with car dealerships, more retail and increased property values.

A new city also does not get a share of Vehicle License Fees (VLF's) like all other existing cities. We have been in discussions with our legislative rep-

resentatives to support special legislation to allow for the new City of McKinleyville to get its fair share of this revenue.

Our current local efforts are geared towards raising the funds from the state and elsewhere to work with the Local Agency Formation Commission or LAFCO to hire consultants to do an Initial Feasibility Analysis (IFA) for incorporation.

If the results of that look favorable then a Comprehensive Feasibility Analysis (CFA) would be completed. This data-driven look at financial facts coupled with pros and cons of incorporation would give the community what it needs to make it own decision on its future.

If LAFCO finds that incorporation is feasible then the Board of Supervisors could pass a resolution to have the issue of incorporation placed on the ballot for the community to decide.

MRCH announces new Home Healthcare and Pediatric Outpatient clinics this spring

MAD RIVER COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

ARCATA – Mad River Community Hospital is pleased to announce the launch of two new service lines aimed at further enhancing the quality of care and access for our community. Beginning this spring, Mad River will offer comprehensive Home Healthcare Services and two Pediatric Outpatient Clinics in McKinleyville and Arcata.

As part of our ongoing commitment to provide compassionate, patient-centered care, these new services are designed to meet the growing needs of our diverse community and ensure that care is accessible, convenient and tailored to each patient's unique needs.

Home Healthcare Services: Bringing Care to Your Doorstep

Our Home Healthcare Services will provide patients with a wide range of medical, therapeutic, and support services in the comfort and convenience of their own homes. This new service will include nursing care, physical therapy, occupational therapy, and other essential services designed to assist individuals recovering from illness, surgery, or managing chronic

conditions.

For more information regarding Home Health, please reach out to (707) 826-8420.

Pediatric Outpatient Clinics: Specialized Care for Children

In response to the growing demand for pediatric care in the region, Mad River Community Hospital is also opening Pediatric Outpatient Clinics in McKinleyville and Arcata. The clinics will offer a wide range of services for children from infancy through adolescence, including routine check-ups, immunizations, sick visits, and management of chronic health conditions.

Led by experienced pediatricians, the clinics aim to provide families with accessible, high-quality healthcare in a compassionate and child-friendly setting. Weekend and evening appointments may be offered.

For more information regarding our new pediatric clinics, please reach out to (707) 825-4979

This announcement reflects Mad River Community Hospital's continued dedication to expanding healthcare access and services for its community.

Public Safety Committee rebooting, needs members

CITY OF ARCATA

ARCATA – The City of Arcata is seeking interested community members who would like to serve their community by filling an open seat on the Public Safety Committee.

The City of Arcata's Public Safety Committee has been inactive since June 2023 but is now being reactivated and seeking six volunteers to fill terms of varying lengths. The committee discusses important matters concerning the safety of all community members and businesses in Arcata and makes recommendations to the City Council on how to address key issues. The council then uses these recommendations to make informed decisions on top-

ics impacting the city.

The committee meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Arcata Council Chamber.

All community members who live or work in the Arcata Planning Area are eligible to serve on the committee and all those interested are encouraged to fill out an application. Of the seven committee members, at least five must be residents of Arcata while up to two may live or work in the Arcata Planning Area.

Applications should be submitted by Friday, April 4 to be considered in the first review. Applications and more at cityofarcata.org/329/vacancies-applications. (707) 825-2103, cityofarcata.org,

Mental health | Service costs outpacing revenues as deficits are projected

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tion as the county struggles to meet mental health care needs.

A division of the county's Department of Health and Human Services, Behavioral Health administers acute and crisis care through county facilities like the 16-bed Sempervirens psychiatric hospital and through contracts with local service providers.

The division had a \$64.5 million budget with a \$2.7 million deficit in the 2023 to 2024 fiscal year and County Mental Health Director Emi Botzler-Rodgers said the deficit has risen to \$4.3 million.

The cost of some services, such as Sempervirens and the county's crisis stabilization unit, are particularly outpacing revenue, with \$4.5 million and \$2.3 million deficits respectively for the 2023 to 2024 fiscal year.

Deputy Mental Health Director Jack Breazeal said the cost of Long Term Care Placement

(LPS) of patients who are under county conservatorship has risen by 128 percent over the last five years, to \$9.8 million.

"These costs are not reimbursable," he continued. "For the vast majority of these, we're not getting any Medi-Cal funding and we're not getting any additional revenue to offset these placement costs."

The cost hike isn't due to a significant increase in the number of LPS patients, which only rose from 131 to 151.

"But the average cost for those placements has more than doubled," said Breazeal. "And that is generally because the folks that we're seeing now, they're more acute, they're staying in placement longer."

The "average cost per client" in the five-year period has risen from \$32,938 to \$65,133.

Botzler-Rodgers said there's "a desperate need" for mental health services and not enough providers.

"We don't have enough local providers and we struggle to recruit and retain," she continued. "We don't have enough funding, we're not generating sufficient revenue."

The situation "often leads to increased scrutiny and expectation" from the state's Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) as "timeliness to services" is affected.

Botzler-Rodgers said the county is "under a corrective action plan" with DHCS to address it.

"And I want to flag here that the way that we in behavioral health make more money is to have more direct service providers," she continued. "So if we have vacancies in the people that provide direct services that we are able to bill, that substantially impacts our revenue ... we are really struggling to keep up with the demand locally."

The presentation sought feedback from supervisors on

identifying new sources of funding. If they aren't found, prioritization of services needs to be done.

The county budget is running a \$10 million deficit and a contribution from the General Fund was ruled out.

"Our General Fund is not healthy and we aren't able to help, obviously," said Bushnell.

But she suggested cities might be able to.

"I would like for you guys to explore talking with those incorporated areas that also get a base of funding for helping those folks and just see, because it is not Humboldt County's problem alone," she said. "It is every city and every person's problem in Humboldt County and if there is funding that we're missing through incorporated areas, we need to ask – at least ask."

Other than that, "I think we would look for you to say to us, what can we do?" Bushnell

continued. "And I'm going to challenge you with that. What can we do – and you know what our budget looks like across the board."

The Social Services division also has a deficit and Department of Health and Human Services Director Connie Beck told supervisors her department "will be back to do a budget presentation to really speak to all of the recommended changes that we will have, based on our budget."

The presentation included some notes of progress, including gaining state and other funding for a new Behavioral Health Crisis Triage Center at Mad River Community Hospital.

The new center will have 43 beds which "will help us have beds at different levels for people locally that we struggle with and have to send people out of county for," said Botzler-Rodgers. "So we're increasing our local continuum of care, which is important."

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF CHARLES WILBURN UPTON
CASE NO.: PR2400339
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of:
CHARLES WILBURN UPTON

A Petition for Probate has been filed by SANDRA LOU UPTON in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.
The Petition for Probate requests that: SANDRA LOU UPTON be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedents will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

Date: Feb. 6, 2025
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Dept.: 4
Room: 4

Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.

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You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. MARY ALLYSON PRYOR 1000 SOUTH AVENUE EUREKA, CA 95503 707-497-9480 2/19, 2/26, 3/5

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME PERI PENMAN SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT CASE NO. CV2402490
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A. Present name: **JADE ALANA PUTNAM**
to Proposed name: **JADE ALANA PENMAN-GRIFFITH**
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MARY KATHRYN KEPLER
CASE NO.: PR2400338
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of:
MARY KATHRYN KEPLER

A Petition for Probate has been filed by MARY ALLYSON PRYOR in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.

The Petition for Probate requests that: MARY ALLYSON PRY-

is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Date: Feb. 21, 2025
Time: 8:30 a.m.
Dept.: 4

For information on how to appear remotely for your hearing, please visit <https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov/>.

3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.
Date: Jan. 6, 2025
Timothy A. Canning, Judge of the Superior Court
2/19, 2/26, 3/5, 3/12

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF RICHARD SERRA
CASE NO.: PR2500050
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of:
RICHARD SERRA

A Petition for Probate has been filed by CLARA WEYER-GRAF-SERRA in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.

The Petition for Probate requests that: CLARA WEYER-GRAF-SERRA be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedents will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

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A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

Date: March 27, 2025
Time: 10:30 a.m.
Dept.: 4
Room: 4

Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ZEY PAO LOR
CASE NO.: PR2500054
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of:
ZEY PAO LOR

A Petition for Probate has been filed by MAI SEE LOR in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT. The Petition for Probate requests that: MAI SEE LOR be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

Date: March 13, 2025
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Dept.: 4
Room: 4

Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.

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CATIONS, AND PROPOSAL forms for bidding this project will be available:
□ For download from the City Website www.cityofarcata.org under "Bids" and at the Humboldt Builders Exchange website: www.humbx.com.

For purchase, with 48-hours' notice (during normal working hours) provided to the City Manager's Office, 736 "F" Street, Arcata, CA 95521; call 707-822-5953 or email: citymgr@cityofarcata.org. A printing charge of \$40 shall not be refundable, plus a shipping and handling fee of \$35 for mailing of PLANS and SPECIFICATIONS. Checks payable to the City of Arcata and shall be mailed or delivered in person to the Contracts and Special Projects Manager.

For viewing at the City Manager's Office, 736 "F" Street, Arcata, CA 95521.

This CONTRACT is subject to State contract non-discrimination and compliance requirements pursuant to Government Code, Section 12990.

The City of Arcata hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and

will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award.

Pursuant to Section 1773 of the Labor Code, the Director of California Department of Industrial Relations has determined the general prevailing rate of wages. The prevailing rates are available online at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/DLSR>. Bidders should contact the Department of Industrial Relations at (415) 703-4281 for General Prevailing Wage Rates on specific job classifications. Future effective wage rates, which have been predetermined, are on file with the California Department of Industrial Relations. Bidders are advised that if they intend to use a craft or classification not on file in the general wage determinations, they may be required to pay the wage rate of that craft of classification most closely related to it as shown in the general determinations. The schedule of per diem wages is based upon a working day of eight hours. The rate for holiday and overtime work must be at least time and one-half. The Contract will be subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the DIR, under Labor Code § 1771.4.

The above project is subject to uniform construction cost accounting procedures as set forth in the California Public Contracts Code, Section 22000 et seq., the Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act.

Pursuant to California Public Contracts Code Section 22300, CONTRACTOR may substitute securities in place of any funds retained by the City for WORK performed on this project.

The City of Arcata reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

The above project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5. City may not accept a Bid Proposal from or enter into the Contract with a bidder, without proof that the bidder is registered with the California Department of Industrial Relations.

Direct inquiries regarding this solicitation to: Danielle Allred, Contracts & Special Projects Manager (707) 825-2101 dallred@cityofarcata.org

Issued dates: Wednesday, February 26, 2025 & Wednesday, March 05, 2025
2/26, 3/5

Estimated amount of unpaid balance, reasonably estimated costs and other charges: \$ 94,693.54

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

THE TRUSTEE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, A SAVINGS ASSOCIATION OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE:

All right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described as:

More fully described in said Deed of Trust.

Street Address or other common designation of real property: **2139 H STREET, EUREKA, CA 95501</**

❖ ARCATA PLAYHOUSE

The Wes Anderson Playlist

ARCATA PLAYHOUSE CREAMERY DISTRICT – Fans of Wes Anderson’s iconic films and their unforgettable soundtracks are in for a treat as bassist and composer Marty Isenberg brings his Wes Anderson Playlist to the Arcata Playhouse on Friday, March 14, in his “Wes” Coast Tour. This vibrant, jazz-infused tribute reimagines classic songs from Anderson’s beloved films, blending nostalgia with fresh, inventive arrangements.

A Los Angeles-based bassist and composer, Marty Isenberg has crafted a career playing alongside top jazz musicians and lending his talents to film and television scores. With the Wes Anderson Playlist, he brings his love for storytelling and melody to the forefront, creating a live performance that’s both playful and transportive.

Opening scene: A young Marty Isenberg takes his dad’s bass off the wall, sits down on a faded green sofa and begins to play. It’s been two years since his father died and waves of grief wash over him.

One year later: Cut to a two-car garage turned into a rehearsal space. There’s wood paneling everywhere, a drum set, two guitar amps and a Rage Against the Machine poster on the wall. Marty



‘WES’ COAST TOUR Marty Isenberg and his band perform at Arcata Playhouse.

is in a spectacularly bad goth punk band. They wear black trench coats and pleather pants. They wobble in and out of time, wonky but thriving. Cut to a close-up of Marty sitting on the bottom bunk bed in his bedroom practicing bass, as if it’s some kind of sacred ritual. He looks lonely but focused, deep in the angst of teenagehood.

Cut to the present day, Bunker Studios in Brooklyn, Isenberg recording his debut album, *The Way I Feel Inside*, a mixtape of songs from Wes Anderson films. He has the spark of someone who turned his teenage insecurities into a superpower – much like Wes Anderson’s characters and perhaps like the filmmaker himself. Fade to black. End scene.

“I’ve always resonated deeply with Wes Anderson’s movies,” muses Isenberg. “There was something so familiar about the way he captured the ache of adolescence.”

He appreciated how Anderson’s cinematic language always seemed to juxtapose our local vastness with our cosmic tininess. Of course, Isenberg loved the off-kilter mixtape quality of the soundtracks and how perfectly they mirrored the plotlines. So he set out to put his own spin on songs by artists like David Bowie, Nick Drake and the Velvet Underground but through the lexicon of jazz orchestration and improvisation.

The resulting album is a sonic storyboard, a soundtrack to the wonder, loneliness and nostalgia of life in the modern world. *Downbeat Magazine’s* glowing review says that, “Movies for your ears are somewhat cliched, but Isenberg has gone way beyond that. This is a movie.”

Marty Isenberg and his band perform at the Arcata Playhouse on Friday, March 14 at 7 p.m., with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 general/\$23 fanclub members and are available online at PlayhouseArts.org or at the door. Arcata Playhouse is located in the heart of the creamery, 1251 Ninth St. Arcata.

JAZZ ORCHESTRA The Cal Poly Humboldt Department of Dance, Music and Theatre presents Jazz Orchestra and Wind Ensemble on Saturday, March 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Fulkerson Recital Hall at Cal Poly Humboldt. Tickets are \$15 general, \$5 for children and free for Cal Poly Humboldt students with ID.

FOLK DANCE PARTY The Humboldt Folk Dancers invite the public to a live music, International Folk Dance Party, Friday, March 7 from 8 to 10:30 p.m. at the Redwood Raks World Dance Studio, 824 L St., in the Creamery District in Arcata. The event features easy dances and an evening of international music with Chubritza and guest musicians Thursday Evening Waltz Society (Hugh Kent, Maggie McKnight, Bob Stockwell). \$5-10 sliding scale, but no one will be turned away for lack of funds.

McFarland kicks off tour in Arcata

ARCATA THEATRE LOUNGE
ARCATA – Renowned Humboldt county singer songwriter Brett McFarland is launching his Straight Outta Humboldt Tour with an inaugural performance at the Arcata Theater Lounge, 1036 G St., Arcata on Saturday, March 22 at 7 p.m. with his all-star band the Freedom Riders.

Sponsored by Humboldt Made, Eureka Natural Foods, Pacific Paradise and Humboldt Republic, this all ages event will offer fans an intimate evening of music that celebrates community, resilience and unity.

This will be the first time Brett has performed in Humboldt since numerous music videos went viral following the release of his full-length album *Humboldt* late last year. Brett and his incredible band will be joined by surprise musical guests for an unforgettable night of live music at one of Humboldt’s most iconic venues.

Known for his emotive storytelling and fusion of folk, rock and country influences, McFarland’s music reflects his deep connection to nature and com-



munity. After serving a five-year prison sentence for cannabis cultivation, he has dedicated his life to advocacy, music and sustainable farming.

His latest album, *Humboldt*, explores themes of community, resilience and unity.

Bringing this music to you live, Brett is joined by some of Humboldt’s finest musicians with Surya Sardonicus on percussion, Bobby Amirkahanian on stand up bass, Rich Kearns on electric guitar and Oliver Moreira on harmonica.

ROSE CITY BAND performs Wednesday, March 5 at Richard’s Goat, 401 I St., Arcata. Rose City Band’s country psychedelic rock evokes the wide-open spaces of the American West and free spirits who call it home. The Portland-based project of acclaimed guitarist and vocalist Ripley Johnson, Rose City Band has extended beyond the studio and lives in tandem as a live ensemble. With Los Angeles’ acclaimed Itasca. Doors open at 7 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door.

THE ALLEY CATS perform Thursday, March 6 at The Basement, 780 Seventh St., ground floor of Jacoby’s Storehouse, Arcata. Randy Stodola reforms local jazz favorites the Alley Cats with vocalist and bassist Apryl Cady and drummer Matt Laskey. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. 21 and over.

CHECKERED PAST performs Friday, March 7 at The Basement, 780 Seventh St., ground floor of Jacoby’s Storehouse, Arcata. Founded by longtime Humboldt County musician Kris Sundeen, Checkered Past is the perfect blend of classic ska and eclectic musical journeys, going on a ride through the infectious energy of first-wave ska, 2-tone, 3rd waveand everything in between. Doors open at 8:30 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. \$5 at the door. (707) 645-2309, baseментарcata.com

ROSEWATER performs Saturday, March 8 at the Humboldt Brewery,

856 10th St., Arcata. For 10 years, Rosewater has been dedicated to recreating the essence and adventure of the Dead’s legendary live experience, bringing each performance to life with an energy and passion that makes every Rosewater show unique. Also with Free Limitless Energy. Doors open at 7:30 p.m, show starts at 8 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. (707) 826-BREWS, humbrews.com

ANNA HAMILTON performs Saturday, March 8 at Six Rivers Brewery, 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville. Anna Hamilton has been firing up Humboldt County crowds with her music for years. Show starts at 6 p.m. All ages. (707) 839-7580, sixriversbrewery.com

TOUBAB CREWE performs Sunday, March 9 at the Humboldt Brewery, 856 10th St., Arcata. Since 2005, the vibrant Asheville, N.C.-based instrumental powerhouse Toubab Krewe has created a sonic Pangaea that lustily swirls together rock, African traditions, jam sensibilities, international folk strains and more. Doors open at 8 p.m, show starts at 8:30 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. (707) 826-BREWS, humbrews.com

PETE THE CAT performs Monday, March 10 at the Arkley Center, 412 G St., Eureka. For Pete the Cat, life is an adventure no matter where you wind up. So the minute the groovy blue cat meets The Biddles, he gets the whole family rocking. That is,

except for young Jimmy Biddle, the most organized second grader on planet Earth. But when Jimmy draws a blank in art class during the last week of school, it turns out Pete is the perfect pal to help him out. Together, they set out on a mission to help Jimmy conquer second grade art and along the way, they both learn a little something new about inspiration. Recommended ages pre-K through 8. All ages. Doors open at 5 p.m., show begins at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$23-\$32. (707) 826-3928, tickets.humboldt.edu/calpoly-humboldt-presents

THE TIPTONS perform Tuesday, March 11 at the Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St., Arcata. The Tiptons saxophone quartet and drums are an internationally renowned all-female saxophone quartet with drums, celebrating over 30 years as a band that tours internationally. The Tiptons’ material ranges from micro-big band to gospel, bluegrass to Balkan, whimsical chamber jazz and nocturnal funk to free jazz Improvisation using saxophones, clarinet, their voices, drums and inventive percussion to create a genre-busting ‘world soul’ sound. Doors open at 7 p.m, show starts at 7:30 p.m. All ages. Tickets are \$20 in advance and at the door. (707) 822-1575, arcata-playhouse.org

COMING UP

- Bone Thugs-N-Harmony at Blue Lake Casino, Saturday, March 15, 9 p.m.
- Onedia at Richard’s Goat, Wednesday, March 19, 8 p.m.
- Ak’Chamel: The Giver of Illness at Richard’s Goat, Monday, March 24, 7:30 p.m.
- The Wellermen at Humboldt Brewery, Tuesday, March 25, 8 p.m.
- Yaima at the Arcata Theatre Lounge, Wednesday, March 26, 8 p.m.
- Ruby Ruth and Rich Kearns at the Arcata Playhouse, Saturday, March 29, 7 p.m.

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